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Office of Business Opportunity
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North Central Texas Regional Certification
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DBE Defined

Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) - a small business concern as defined pursuant to Section 3 of the Small Business Act and implementing regulations, which is owned and controlled by one or more disadvantaged individuals. Owned and controlled means a business, which is at least 51 percent owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals. In the case of any publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of the stock must be owned by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals and whose management and daily business operations are controlled by one or more of the socially and economically disadvantaged individuals who own it.



**FORT BEND COUNTY
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**FORT BEND
COUNTY
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**DBE-Disadvantaged
Business Enterprise
Program**



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POLICY STATEMENT

The County has established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program in accordance with regulations of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 49 CFR Part 26.

The County has received Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation, and as a condition of receiving this assistance, the County has signed an assurance that it will comply with 49 CFR Part 26.

It is the policy of the County to ensure that DBE's as defined in Part 26, have an equal opportunity to receive and participate in FTA-assisted contracts.

It is also our policy:

- To ensure non-discrimination in the award and administration of FTA assisted contracts;
- To create a level playing field on which DBEs can compete fairly for FTA assisted contracts;
- To ensure that the DBE Program is narrowly tailored in accordance with applicable law;
- To ensure that only firms that fully meet 49 CFR Part 26 eligibility standards are permitted to participate as DBEs;
- To help remove barriers to the participation of DBEs in FTA assisted contracts, and;
- To assist the development of firms that can compete successfully in the market place outside the DBE program.

CERTIFICATION PROCESS

The **Texas Unified Certification Program (TUCP)** is a certification process for the Federal Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Programs in Texas. A business' DBE certification is valid at any Texas entity that receives U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) funds and has a DBE Program.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- A business must be 51% owned, controlled, and managed by one or more socially and economically disadvantaged individuals.
- Socially and economically disadvantaged individuals include but are not limited to Women, Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Native Americans, Asian-Pacific Americans and Subcontinent Asian-Americans.
- A business must be a small business as defined by Small Business Administration (SBA) size standards. The firm's average annual gross receipts over the previous three fiscal years must not exceed U.S. DOT's cap of \$22.41 million.
- Effective February 28, 2011, the Personal Net Worth (PNW) of each socially and economically disadvantaged owner must not exceed \$1,320,000. Items excluded from disadvantaged owner's net worth calculation are his/her personal residence and ownership interest in the applicant firm.
- Only U.S. Citizens or lawfully admitted permanent residents are eligible for certification.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Six agencies perform the certification processing of DBE Program applications within the state of Texas by specific TUCP regions.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

North Central Texas Regional Certification Agency

South Central Texas Regional Certification Agency

City of Houston

City of Austin

Corpus Christi Regional Transportation Authority

Once a firm is certified as a DBE it will be included in the TUCP Directory. The consolidated TUCP system allows the opportunity to bid statewide, without obtaining DBE Program certification from numerous agencies throughout the state.

Firms DBE certified by TUCP agencies will be included in the TUCP's DBE Directory.

The directory is on the INTERNET at:
<http://www.txdot.gov/business/tucp/default/htm>

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